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In re Patent Application:

Christopher W. McNutt et al.

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Title: "BUFFER TUBES FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLES"

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| () New fee as calculated below | () Supplemental Declaration |
| (X) No additional fee | (X) Other: <u>returned postcard</u> (fee \$) |

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 4 | MINUS | 20 | = 0 | X \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 4 | MINUS | 8 | = 0 | X \$88.00 | \$0.00 |
| [] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | + \$290.00 | | \$ |
| EXTENSION FEE | [] 1ST MONTH \$110.00 | [] 2ND MONTH \$420.00 | [] 3RD MONTH \$950.00 | [] 4TH MONTH \$1480.00 | | \$0.00 |
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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 9, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated November 17, 2004, Applicant requests reconsideration of this application in light of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant also respectfully requests entry of the present amendment.